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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BILATERAL EAST ASIAN DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH

1. IN OUR MEETINGS TODAY, AS WE HAD PLANNED, I RAISED THE QUESTION OF FRENCH MILITARY SALES TO CHINA. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS NOIVILLE REPLIED THAT THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN DEALT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD IN HIS PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH. HE WAS ADAMANT IN NOT WISHING TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER, BUT SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THAT WE KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF SUCH A DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK.

3. SINCE MY MEETINGS END WITH PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH FRANCOIS-PONCET TOMORROW MORNING, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. GENERAL TENOR OF DISCUSSIONS HAS BEEN ONE OF A CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF THEORETICAL VIEWS, BUT AN ALMOST TOTAL REFUSAL BY THE FRENCH TO SHARE THE SLIGHTEST
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ASPECT OF THEIR STRATEGIC THINKING OR THEIR POLICY PLANS. IT MAY BE THAT NOIVILLE DOES NOT HAVE MUCH KNOWLEDGE HIMSELF, AS HE CLAIMS OR, HE MAY FEEL THAT POLICY ISSUES SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR HIGHER LEVELS. IN ANY CASE, WITH FULL SUPPORT OF EMBASSY, I AM INCLINED TO MENTION TO FRANCOIS-PONCET OUR FEELING THAT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON OUR POLICY SHOULD BE

A TWO-WAY STREET.

5. INFORMATION ON QUESTION OF MILITARY SALES OR
MILITARY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO PRC IS OBVIOUSLY ONE
AREA I WOULD SINGLE OUT UNLESS IT WAS INDEED COVERED
ADEQUATELY AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL.
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